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# MONTANA KAIMIN

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## Lecturer: Dialogue key to resolving Middle East tensions



Alisia Muhlestein / Montana Kaimin

Journalist and author Ahmed Rashid speaks at the President's Lecture Series Thursday night to a record crowd in the UC Ballroom. Rashid recently published a new book, "Descent into Chaos: The United States and the Failure of Nation Building in Pakistan, Afghanistan and Central Asia."

Carly Flandro  
MONTANA KAIMIN

The ongoing problems in the Middle East should be solved by easing tensions among countries rather than injecting more American and European troops, an acclaimed Pakistani reporter and author said Thursday night.

Ahmed Rashid gave details on the solution in a speech delivered in a packed UC Ballroom. Rashid also commented on the role the economic downturn and the presidential elections in the U.S. could play in the Middle East.

Both McCain and Obama are concerned with the Taliban and al-Qaeda resurgence in Afghanistan. In response, they both want more troops in Afghanistan, but Rashid said that's not the answer.

"More troops alone won't solve this problem," he said. "It's a question of troops — plus what?"

Instead, Rashid said in the third installment of the President's Lecture series that there is a need for a comprehensive plan to deal with tensions and instability in the Middle East.

Six countries surround Afghanistan: Pakistan, Tajikistan, Uzbekistan, Turkmenistan, Iran and China. These neighbors have increased their interference in Afghanistan, Rashid said, and Americans have not tried to derail

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## Pell Grant promise unlikely

Carly Flandro  
MONTANA KAIMIN

Beginning in the 2009-2010 school year, tuition could become more affordable for low-income students both nationwide and at the University of Montana.

The maximum award limit for federal Pell Grants, which are offered to low-income undergraduate students, could potentially increase by \$1,759 to \$6,490 each year per student.

However, students shouldn't get their hopes up, according to Mick Hanson, director of the financial aid office.

Only twice since the Pell Grant Program was founded in 1972 has the federal government funded the maximum amount possible for the grants.

Catelyn Epperson, who received a Pell Grant for the first time this year, is one student who would benefit from an increased

award amount.

Epperson, a sophomore studying international business, stood behind a cash register at the UC Market on Thursday night greeting customers and counting out change.

Coming to Montana from California, she receives a Western Undergraduate Exchange scholarship and pays out-of-state tuition. She was also awarded the current maximum amount possible for Pell Grant recipients — \$4,731 per year — but that still leaves her with leftover tuition fees.

To make up for it, Epperson works at the Market 17 hours a week.

"Sometimes it makes it hard to focus on school," she said, adding that she is also taking 15 credits this semester. "I'm used to working a five-hour shift on Wednesday nights and then having two tests the next day."

Epperson said she would like to work less hours each week to spend more time on schoolwork, but that's not possible with her remaining tuition costs.

Hanson sat in the financial aid office Monday morning and skeptically glanced at a Pell Grant chart.

It showed that the maximum amount a student receives for Pell Grants could jump to \$6,490 per year by the 2009 fall semester, an initiative that came into play after Congress renewed the Higher Education Act on Aug. 14. The current maximum is set at \$4,731 per year.

"Those figures are never gonna happen the way they're printed here," Hanson said.

Reaching the maximum amount available for these grants is no simple task, he said.

To increase the maximum  
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## Film explores coal's effects on water shed

Carmen George  
MONTANA KAIMIN

The film "Burning the Future: Coal in America," will show Friday at noon and 7 p.m. at the Roxy Theater on Higgins Avenue as part of the fifth annual Montana CINE Film Festival. A panel discussion will also precede the film, including experts for and against coal's use as a fuel source.

"The film shows coal's affects on groundwater, children, schools; you name it, it covers it," Margaret Gainer said, the festival coordinator for the International Wildlife Media Center & Film Festival that is showing the film.

The award-winning film shows the negative effects of the coal industry on a community in West Virginia, while also denouncing the idea of "clean coal." The showing is \$4 for students.

The panel discussion and reception will be from 5:30 to 7 p.m., including Evan Barrett, the chief business development officer to the Governor's Economic Development Office. Filmmaker David Novack will also appear via the Internet.

Jim Jensen, the executive director of the Montana Environmental Information Center, a non-profit organization working to stop the development of new coal plants in Montana, will also be speaking on the panel. He said the state has issued a permit for a new coal plant to be built in Great Falls as early as November.

"Every plant that's built just makes global warming worse and worse," Jensen said, "and that affects

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### TODAY ON CAMPUS

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UC Ballroom, 6 p.m.

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# The KAIMIN KOUNTS

This week in numbers

## 30

Thousand: proposed cost to relocate the College of Technology – which currently operates in antiquated facilities – to the South Campus.

## 6

Thousand voter registrations challenged. The Montana Republican Party dropped its voter challenge this week after opposing leaders filed a lawsuit in federal court.

## 1979

The last year Amtrak's North Coast Hiawatha route between Glendive and Missoula was utilized. Sen. Jon Tester is pushing to restore the service.

## 50

Events being hosted across the state speaking out against Montana's death penalty. The Abolition Coalition tour stopped at UM Tuesday.

## 0

ASUM senators who voted against a resolution that directed the body to work with Residence Life to find a solution to the perennial on-campus housing crisis.

## 5 most read stories...

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*Lemcke should act accordingly*

I am writing regarding the October 3rd article "Masked man, misplaced munitions, mutilated machines."

I was shocked to discover that a shotgun had been found in the bushes at Sisson, less than 20 feet from where my children play. I was even more shocked at Lemcke's cavalier comment, "If it dropped out of somebody's pocket they should mention it to us."

Are you kidding me? It is a shotgun in a bush near a playground, not to mention several ASUM day-care facilities. I wonder if the gun

was found in the bushes near Miller hall if the incident would have been reported so casually.

Has everybody forgotten about Columbine and Virginia Tech? I would like to know exactly what Lemcke is doing about this, and why the Kaimin hasn't picked up on the fact that 16 gauge pump-action shotguns don't fall out of pockets.

I am concerned that our safety is not a priority. More needs to be investigated and reported to give the residents a little piece of mind.

*Gregory Lanoue, sophomore*

### Letters to the Editor

#### Correction:

In a front-page story Thursday, the Kaimin incorrectly reported that three University of Montana football players charged in an on-campus assault were still practicing with the team. Players wearing the numbers of the charged Grizzlies were seen at practice Wednesday, but were scout team members representing Eastern Washington players in preparation for this weekend's game in Cheney, Wash.

### The Kaimin invites letters to the editor and guest columns.

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# BIG UPS & Backhands

Hey, we can't talk long. **BU&Bh** has to crank this out so we can get over to the Wilma for the new high-def snowboard flick "That's It, That's All." I bet that our violent faceplants on flat ice would look pretty damn majestic in HD, too.

**Backhands** to Sen. John McCain for throwing the second presidential debate to Sen. Barack Obama. Way to win over the young voters by pacing around the room like you're lecturing your kid about pot.

**Big Ups** to Cook County Sheriff Tom Dart, who announced Wednesday in a news conference that he is stopping all evictions of people living in foreclosed properties in his county. Maybe when he's done with his Robin Hood crusade against evil landlords, he can serve us some justice by getting our rental agency to send someone to fix the damned sink at our house.

**Backhands** to Skylar DeLeon, who once appeared in minor roles in the original Mighty Morphin Power Rangers TV series. DeLeon may get the death penalty for tying a wealthy couple to the anchor of their yacht and throwing them overboard — alive. We bet Zordon would have been cool with boatjacking, but killing elderly folk is definitely a bit too TV-14.

**Big Ups** to Great Falls because it may soon control all the nuclear weapons in the United States. A suggestion was made by both Montana Senators to the U.S. Air Force recently to make Malmstrom Air Force Base the country's sole nuclear command center.

**Backhands** to the American public, which has apparently turned to cutting coupons to curb the impact of the failing economy. Big box retailers reported a 14 percent increase in couponing over the last two weeks. What a way to cope with a crisis, by cashing in on two-for-one cans of refried beans. We would rather see the public loot Niketown again, because nothing says solidarity like free sneakers.

**Big Ups** to the stock market for falling below 8,600 points and bringing us one step closer to economic equilibrium. Come on, how funny would it be to see a guy with a Masters degree in business cooking you french fries at Burger King at 2:00 a.m.?

We're off to watch decent people snowboard, as we imagine Sigourney Weaver narrate us breaking our leg on a rain-bow rail in a seductive tone later this season.



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# America in recession according to MIT professor

Laura Dawson

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America is in a "V" recession, a Massachusetts Institute of Technology professor said Thursday, meaning that the economy will face a sharp drop followed by a quick rise.

Lester Thurow, who teaches management and economics at MIT, told a packed Gallagher Business Building audience that while Americans may suffer during the drop, most of the impact will be felt in the rest of the world.

"When you have an earthquake in America, most of the buildings that get knocked down are in the rest of the

world," Thurow said.

He has authored several books on global economics and served as a staff economist on President Lyndon B. Johnson's Council of Economic Advisers.

Thurow said lost jobs and a slow economy are certain, but will be short lived, at least in America. Global consequences will be longer reaching, he said.

According to Thurow, the recession can be blamed on two things: subprime loans and high oil prices.

"Of course we have a crisis," Thurow said. "People are making loans they shouldn't make."

The housing market suffered a serious blow, he said, adding, "The average house in America has gone down 60 percent."

Oil costs have also been hit hard, he said. Gas prices are just a start, according to Thurow, who predicted heating costs this winter will contribute to a slow holiday market.

"What you do for heat in your house is much more important than what you put in your car," Thurow said.

Last week's bailout was necessary to ensure economic recovery, Thurow said. Thurow offered two solutions for the crisis: government

intervention to stop people from walking away from subprime loans and a government cap on oil prices.

"We learned something from the Great Depression," Thurow said. "You have to intervene. It's the nature of the beast."

And while Thurow said Montana is relatively insulated with a state surplus of over a billion dollars, it is not immune.

"It will affect you in Montana eventually," Thurow said. "It rolls through the economy."

Bob DeWit, a banker with Manhattan Bank, drove more than 200 miles from Bozeman for Thurow's


speech. He said he felt the speech addressed the current crisis clearly and effectively.

"The cost of commodities... that's going to impact us," DeWit said. "Especially in eastern Montana."

Erika McLaughlin, a senior in marketing, said she felt the current situation is especially important to students.

"It makes a difference to students as well because we're going to have to go out into the workforce," McLaughlin said. "It's good for us to be aware of the economic situation we'll be facing once we're in the job force."


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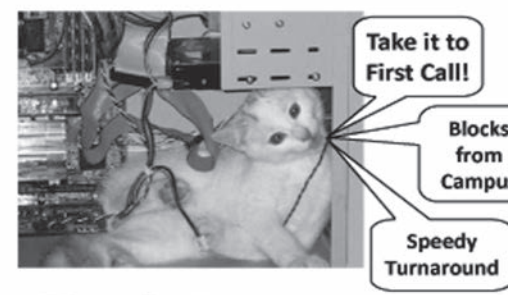
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- Perimeter
- Perfect match
- Will Ferrell film
- Salad green
- Pile up
- Fine-grained gypsum
- Hither's partner
- Special visuals
- Gasteyer of "SNL"
- The King of Beers
- Puts a stop to
- Synthetic substitute
- Big load
- en scene
- Classic clown
- Kind of boom
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- Raised road
- Shameless
- Mound of presidents
- Sign of stress?
- Most remote, briefly
- Solidifies
- Extinguishes

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- Pacific island nation
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- Sulk
- Like sheep
- Aniston, to friends
- One URL ending
- Grub
- Top-notch
- Tent stakes
- Exceeds the limit
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- Balance due
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# Smearred shrimp, sleeping student, suing senior

Mike Gerrity

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Oct. 2, 3:31 p.m.

One faculty member called UM Public Safety to report that someone smearred old shrimp and eggs on the front of an office door on the third floor of the Social Sciences building. There was also a message left on one of the faculty member's answering machine stating something to the effect of "You'd better watch your f\*\*ing ass." It is unclear at this point whether the threatening voicemail and spoiled food were connected.

Oct. 4, 3:00 a.m.

The sound of a gunshot was reported coming from near the UM golf course, Director of Public

Safety Jim Lemcke said. "It sounds like poaching to me, but its hard to tell where any of (the gunshots) came from," Lemcke said.

Oct. 6, 12:00 a.m.

*Two males were reportedly following one of the campus escort golf carts on their bicycles. The escort drivers apparently thought this was unsettling, and called Public Safety. The bicyclists disappeared before officers could find them.*

## Police Blotter



Oct. 5, 1:34 a.m.

A house party at the Sigma Chi fraternity was broken up after Public Safety officers noticed at least two intoxicated underage males standing outside of the house. "It didn't sound like a huge party," Lemcke said. When questioned, the Sigma Chi president told Public Safety that most of the people snuck in through the back. The fraternity was warned.

Oct. 5, 2:34 p.m.

A male in his 50s was reportedly walking around the UC threatening to sue customers within the building. He claimed to be a federal agent of some kind. Officers concluded that the man was not a federal agent. "There might be a mental health issue here," Lemcke said. The man was asked to leave.

Oct. 5, 5:32 p.m.

A male student was found sleep-

ing in the Food Zoo. He was asked if he needed assistance.

Oct. 5, 10:50 p.m.

A gunshot was heard near the Craighead Apartments in the University Villages. Lemcke said he believes this incident could also be related to poaching.

Oct. 6, 10:16 a.m.

A .45 caliber bullet was found on the second floor of Jesse Hall and was reported to Public Safety. Ammunition is not allowed in the dorms, Lemcke said.

Oct. 6, 10:38 p.m.

A resident on Rimini Court in the University Villages called to report a female was pounding on the windows of her apartment. The female told officers she was trying to wake up her roommate, but could not prove she lived in the apartment building. Officers

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# Griz, Eagles try to get back on track Saturday



Kenneth Billington / Montana Kaimin

Montana Grizzly junior cornerback Andrew Swink tackles Central Washington wide receiver Jamal Weems, causing him to fumble during Montana's 38-35 win on Sept. 27. The call was ruled not a fumble. The Griz travel to Cheney, Wash. Saturday to face off against the Eastern Washington Eagles.

Roman Stubbs

MONTANA KAIMIN

The road to win 26 straight regular season games stopped short last week for Montana football, ending with a solemn trip home.

"The first reaction was quiet," said head coach Bobby Hauck. "Our trip home was awfully quiet."

Now the Griz will try to do something they haven't done in two seasons: rebound from a regular season loss, when they meet 23rd ranked Eastern Washington in Cheney on Saturday.

Even before the season began, Saturday's match up had been regarded as the Big Sky Conference's game of the year; now it re-

ally is. Both teams suffered chilling upsets last week on the road, with Hauck's club falling 45-28 to Weber State on a day of torrential rain in Ogden, Utah; Portland State quarterback Drew Hubel simply poured on Eastern Washington, throwing for 623 yards and five touchdowns to lead the Vikings to a 47-36 win over the Eagles in Portland.

"It's going to be really difficult for us to get a win," said Eastern Washington head coach Beau Baldwin, noting that Montana traditionally plays well at Eastern, who will bring in additional seating to Woodward Field.

Last year's matchup at Wash-

ington-Grizzly Stadium was a classic—Montana put together a last-minute drive, including a long fourth conversion to set up a Dan Carpenter field goal in the final seconds to cement a 24-23 win, nullifying a 17-catch, 234-yard receiving performance by wideout Aaron Boyce.

Both teams already hold one loss in conference play this season, which means Saturday's game will be even more pivotal in the Big Sky race. The contest will be an attritional battle between Montana and Eastern's defenses. Eastern is coming off a loss in which they weren't able to manufacture a turnover despite Hubel's 73 pass

attempts, and Montana gave up four second quarter touchdowns to Weber and was unable to come up with a stop while trying to rally late.

"In the passing game, we need to make more plays on the ball," said Hauck adding that his defense didn't take much away from Higgins, who passed for 237 yards. "We weren't getting clean breaks on the ball. We just need to make some plays."

Hauck also noted that this week's emphasis has been to reestablish their pass rush, which generated 10 sacks in their first three games. Montana hasn't registered a sack in their last two games

against Central Washington and Weber State.

Like Central Washington's Mike Reilly and Weber State's Cameron Higgins, Montana will face another sure-fire signal caller on Saturday in Matt Nichols, the returning Big Sky Conference player of the year. Complementing him is Boyce, who had 13 catches for 181 yards and a touchdown last week against Portland State.

"This week will be another challenge for us," said junior safety Shann Schillinger, adding that Eastern has a plethora of playmakers. Hauck agreed.

"Nichols, he's a good player.

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## Students trek to Cheney for big showdown

Charles Pulliam

MONTANA KAIMIN

John Velk is one of the thousands of Griz football fans who will invade Woodward Field in Cheney, Wash., on Saturday for the Montana-Eastern Washington matchup.

Velk is making the short road trip to catch the game and see some friends and family in the area. He's made it to a few other road games and said he's never been alone cheering on the Griz away from the security of Washington-Grizzly Stadium.

"There's always a ton of Griz

fans at away games," he said. "It's kind of nice because you're not totally outvoted and going to get beat down or anything."

Saturday's game pits the No. 12 Griz against the No. 23 Eagles in what has turned out to be a crucial Big Sky Conference matchup for both teams after losses last weekend.

"I expect the atmosphere to be incredible this week with a lot of fans in the stands," Eastern Washington head coach Beau Baldwin said.

Montana lost to Weber State 47-28 last weekend, snapping a 25-game regular season win streak

and dropping the Griz to 0-1 in the Big Sky and 4-1 overall. The Eagles (1-1, 2-3) fell victim to Portland State and watched Vikings sophomore quarterback Drew Hubel pile up 623 passing yards after completing 44-of-73 passes for five touchdowns in a 47-36 loss.

If defenses struggle Saturday, fans could witness offensive fireworks, which would add to the drama as the teams typically play tight games, evidenced by last season's 24-23 Griz win over Eastern Washington in Missoula.

Noting the history, fans know to show up at Griz-Eagles games.

In fact, Woodward Field added additional bleachers, increasing the seating capacity from 8,600 to 10,840 in preparation for loyal Griz followers.

Montana followers, like Velk, played a big part in 2006 in Cheney, when several thousand Griz faithful contributed to a record 11,563 at the Griz-Eagles game.

Eastern Washington ticket manager Troy Kirby said that game was actually oversold and meaning the record would be tough to beat.

Montana student Sean Wolf is making the trip to Cheney along with 10 other friends.

"I'm from Spokane, so why not catch the Griz game while I'm home?" he said.

Wolf said he purchased some general admission tickets early to avoid the rush. Even with the extra seats set up, tickets sold out quickly, which is not the common theme for Eastern Washington games. The tilt against Montana will be the first sellout of the season.

"I feel like it's probably more of a big deal for them than it is for us," Wolf said, "but I'm expecting a high-scoring game, so it should be fun."

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## PREVIEW

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He was the offensive player in the conference a year ago for a reason," Schillinger said.

Boyce's performance from last season still lingers in his mind as well. "He made the catches he should've made, but he made some he shouldn't of probably too," Scillinger said.

Offensively, Montana can only hope to expose Eastern like last weekend—although senior quarter-

back Cole Bergquist said they probably will not see the same scheme on Saturday as Portland State. Rather, he said, the unit is striving to eliminate the costly turnovers which have stained credible performances the last two weekends with total offensive outputs. These turnovers combine to 66 points and over 400 yards of total offense in each of the contests. The Griz offense turned the ball four times last week—including two interceptions and two fumbles lost.

"Basically what it comes down to is our offense is playing really well," said Bergquist, quickly adding, "If you could take away two plays from the last couple of games."

Hauck said his team couldn't afford the turnovers (or to give up seven sacks, as they did at Weber) if they want to win at Cheney. Since so much is riding on the line for these two conference heavyweights, the stadium will be buzzing Saturday.

"Two really good teams on the road," said Hauck of playing back-to-back games at Weber and Eastern. "You certainly don't want to come out of this one 0-2 in the league, which would put our backs to the wall."

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## COAL

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all of us, it means more red trees."

Jensen is also against the idea of clean coal.

"No matter how you burn it, when you oxidize carbon you get carbon dioxide," Jensen said, adding that storing that gas underground using the clean coal method can still have many negative, undetermined environmental affects. A threat to the health of the watershed was one of his biggest concerns. Global warming increased by diesel used in trains to transport carbon to burning facilities

is also a problem, he said.

Vicki Watson, professor of Environmental Studies at the University of Montana, related the name of the film "Burning the Future," to the idea of "burning the walls and insulation of your house."

She compared the walls of a house to the atmosphere and said that increasing coal production fuels global warming and eats away at the walls of the house, exposing its inhabitants to a much harsher environment.

"Why would we want to play around with that?" she said.

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## BLOTTER

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discovered the female had a warrant out for her arrest, and she was promptly detained.

Oct. 8, 7:35 p.m.

Public Safety was called to assist city police about a mile down the Kim Williams Trail to deal with a man who was yelling at people across the river, and apparently stick-fighting against an invisible man. According to Lemcke, the man, who was unharmed in the scuffle, was asked to leave. "No injury to the invisible combatant either," Lemcke said.

Oct. 9, 3:29 a.m.

A male was removed from a woman's dorm room in Aber Hall. The male, who was not a student, was drunk and combative in response to a medical call for his welfare. The male eventually left.

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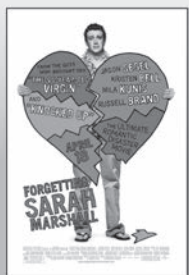
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# Crystal Theatre to show double header

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The Montana Repertory Theatre will present two of Harold Pinter's one-act plays this Sunday at the Crystal Theatre with all the gloom, ambiguity and confusion that have come to symbolize the famous Nobel Prize-winning writer.

The first play, "The Dumb Waiter," which Pinter wrote in 1957, is a single scene in which two hit men sit in a room and await their next order. With little context, the play takes audiences on a physiological ride through human control and power.

According to "The Dumb Waiter" director, Ron Fitzgerald, the play basically rests on when a life is controlled by someone else's and when an individual slowly leaves reality.

For the first week, Fitzgerald ran rehearsals in the basement of actor Tyler Neilson's house.

"It was hilarious. There's literally a coal chute in the corner and it's freezing. We are using some of the dust from Tyler's basement and using it on the stage when we perform. We call it our good luck dust," Fitzgerald said.

Fitzgerald doesn't consider himself a director, however. He currently splits his time between Missoula and Los Angeles where he writes for the show Weeds. He was approached for the position of director for the play.

"I basically said, 'Yeah, I'd be into that,'" Fitzgerald said. "We have two kick-ass actors that are both really experienced and talented. I try not to get in their way."

Fitzgerald also said that since the play only has two cast members, sitting down and collaborating is easier.

The second Pinter play, "Ashes to Ashes," was written near the end of Pinter's career in the late '90s. The

simple context of the play is that of an older English couple sitting in their living room by themselves talking about their past. After certain revelations, the production examines the human psyche and spirit after an individual realizes he has been misled.

"It's purely a metaphysical play," said Greg Johnson, director of "Ashes to Ashes."

Johnson called Pinter one of the most famous playwrights of the 20th century.

"Pinter opened a door to a new style of theater. Before him, plays were just written on surface level. Pinter writes about what goes on underneath the surface of lives revealing much darker themes," Johnson said.

Actress Salina Chatlain, who also serves as the assistant to the artistic director at the Montana Repertory Theatre, said the audience will definitely leave with a lot of questions that they must answer for themselves.

"Honestly, I still have a lot of questions," Chatlain said. "Pinter is the sort of thing you have to come to and then make your mind up on."

Pinter, a renowned playwright, has written 29 stage plays during his 40-year career. He also managed to write dozens of screenplays, essays, lectures and a novel.

His plays were often characterized by metaphysical human thought and irony. Pinter famously stated in his 2005 Nobel Lecture, "There are no hard distinctions between what is real and what is unreal, nor between what is true and what is false. A thing is not necessarily either true or false; it can be both true and false."

"The Dumb Waiter" and "Ashes to Ashes" will be showing back-to-back Oct. 14 to 18 and 21 to 25 at 8 p.m.

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Howard Kingston and Salina Chatlain portray an older English couple. Devlin and Rebecca work through a scene in the play "Ashes to Ashes" in the Schreiber Gym Thursday night. "Ashes to Ashes" plays back-to-back with "The Dumb Waiter" Oct. 14-18 and 21-25 at the Crystal Theatre.

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## Badlander to hold Poverello Center benefit

Kaylee Porter  
MONTANA KAIMIN

Reverend Slanky and two other Missoula bands will rock the Badlander tonight as a fundraiser for the Poverello Center.

Travis Mateer, the event's organizer, said the hip-hop group iNHUMANS and local rock band Rooster Sauce will open the show, which is a part of the Poverello Center's Rock Raiser Series.

"This event was actually a previously scheduled [Bandlander] show, but all three bands agreed to make it a benefit," Mateer said.

Jenny Vazquez, a development associate at the Poverello Center, said, "The money goes toward providing the services we offer here, which starts with food, clothing and shelter and continues with stuff like on-site medical care and transportation assistance."

The other goal of the show, Vazquez said, is to help raise awareness about the center.

"Sometimes with the series people don't realize they are going to

a benefit for the Poverello. We end up having great conversations with people who come in, see our table and want to know more," Vazquez said. "That's great because we thrive on community support and the majority of what we do here is a result of grassroots support."

The Poverello Center will have a table at the event with information about the shelter, volunteer sign-up sheets and Legends of Missoula t-shirts for sale.

"We're really glad we could get Reverend Slanky because they are going to be the big draw. A lot of college kids recognize them as being a fun band to dance to, so it should be a good show," Mateer said.

The 18 and up show costs \$5 for people 21 and over and \$7 for those under. Some of the money from the door will go toward covering the basic cost of renting the venue and paying the additional bouncers needed for an 18+ show, Mateer said, but the rest will go to the Poverello Center.

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## LECTURE

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the situation.

"Afghanistan is seen as a separate unit not linked to other countries," he said. "What is needed is a regionally based diplomatic initiative."

Such an initiative would involve a dialogue between Pakistan and India about lowering their competition in Afghanistan, as well as a U.S. dialogue with Iraq, even if it were limited. Especially important, Rashid

said, would be a sustained U.S. dialogue with Iran on stability in Iraq and Afghanistan.

One of Iran's long-term goals is to establish stability in the country. However, Iran fears the U.S. military will ground itself in Afghanistan and use the position to attack Iran.

Along with American attempts to decrease tensions in the Middle East, Rashid said there should be a dialogue with the Taliban and a regional economic aid package.

"The problem of reconstruction in Afghanistan is that it can't just stop at the border," he said.

However, Rashid said several issues in the United States, including the presidential election, could delay progress in the Middle East.

"There's a vacuum of U.S. leadership," he said. "It's going to be four-to-five months before the next president gets his act together. The Taliban can gain major ground in both (Pakistan and Afghanistan) before the next president gets his footing."

Rashid said problems in the Middle East would likely be the central focus of U.S. foreign policy in the next year and a half.

The critical situation of the U.S. economy could also deter American action.

"In an economic crisis, people will cut down," Rashid said. "And the first thing they will cut down on is foreign aid."

And though Rashid fears U.S. financial support in Afghanistan will decrease, he hopes Americans realize Afghanistan's role on the global stage.

"Pakistan is the seventh largest country in the world and a nuclear power," he said. "You cannot see this one go down the tubes."

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